

HS RCIA Lesson 5, Wed, Dec 13: Confession & the Rosary

Link: <https://bit.ly/48dI9xc>

Prayer: **Confiteor**

Warmup: Thinking through the “Two Wings” of the Gifts of Reason and of Faith, consider [Matthew 16:17](#)
Jesus said to him in reply, “Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah. For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my heavenly Father.

Review of Last two weeks’ homework:

Week 2: Using the “two wings” of the Gifts of Reason and Faith, ***When has God revealed himself to you this week?***

Week 3: **Reflect and be prepared to discuss how you participate in the sacrifice of Christ at Mass**

Week 4: **Identify one or two parts of the Mass that speak/s the most to you**

This week’s homework:

1. Attend Mass and worship thoughtfully. Bring your questions about the Mass to next class.
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I. **Sacrament of Reconciliation:**

- See Conf3 Lesson 6: Sacraments, Confession & the Mass (link: <https://bit.ly/4abrQSa>)
- Scriptural sources of Confession & Reconciliation:
 - The Healing of a Paralytic ([Lk 5:17](#))
 - Parable of the Prodigal Son ([Lk 15:11-32](#))
- The Celebration of the Sacrament of Penance ([CCC 1480](#))
“Like all the sacraments, Penance is a liturgical action. The elements of the celebration are ordinarily these: a greeting and blessing from the priest, reading the word of God to illuminate the conscience and elicit contrition, and an exhortation to repentance; the confession, which acknowledges sins and makes them known to the priest; the imposition and acceptance of a penance; the priest's absolution; a prayer of thanksgiving and praise and dismissal with the blessing of the priest.”
- Per [CCC 1465-1467](#), the priest:
 - “is fulfilling the ministry of the Good Shepherd” ([CCC 1465](#))
 - “is not the master of God’s forgiveness but its servant” ([CCC 1466](#))
 - “is bound under severe penalties to keep absolute secrecy regarding the sins his penitents have confessed to him” ([CCC 1467](#))
- See “Vocabulary of Confession”
- Note: to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation, one must be in a state of grace ([CCC 1310](#))
- Michael: “Confession is a beautiful thing, that is one of the significant graces of being a Catholic”

II. **Rosary**

- Has origin in “prayer beads” which helped keep count in prayer recitation
- The beads were originally know as “Paternosters” as they were used for recitation of the Lord’s Prayer (in Latin, “Pater Noster”)
- Also used to recited the “Jesus Prayer”:

Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God, have mercy on me a sinner
Lord Jesus Christ, Son of the Living God, have mercy on me a sinner

- St. Dominic in 1208 had a vision of the Virgin Mary who gave him a rosary and told him to use it to convert souls.
 - At the time St. Dominic was working against the “Albigensian movement”, which rejected the Sacraments and followed “gnostic” beliefs of the “demiurge,” or fight between the divine and the spiritual
 - = a form of “dualism” that denies the triune, Christian Godhead
- Notes:
 - “Our Lady of the Rosary” refers to the appearance of Mary to St. Dominic
 - See [The History of the Rosary | EWTN](#)